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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Plague and smallpox in Manila—Smallpox in the Provinces.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Perry, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, February 14, as follows: Two cases of plague, both Filipinos, occurred in Manila during the week ended February 7, 1903. During the same period there was 1 case of smallpox in Manila. As yet the latter disease has not prevailed to any extent in this city during the present season, but it is widely disseminated throughout the islands, and in a number of places severe epidemics are prevailing.

Cholera report, Manila.

Week ended February 7, 1903. No cases, no deaths.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended February 7, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Nabau.....	Camarines Sur.....	19	10
Nueva Caceres.....	do.....	0	1
Daet.....	do.....	8	5
San Leonardo.....	Nueva Ecija.....	7	5
San Isidro.....	do.....	1	1
Penaranda.....	do.....	4	3
Alaminos.....	Zambales.....	5	5
Alos.....	do.....	0	3
Balincaguin.....	do.....	20	16
Bay Bay.....	Island of Leyte.....	2	2
Ormoc.....	Islands of Leyte and Panay.....	3	3
Pontevedra.....	Province of Capiz.....	9	9
Panay.....	Province of Capiz, Island of Mindanao.....	4	4
Cagayan.....	Province of Misamis.....	17	8
Misamis.....	do.....	5	3
Jimenez.....	do.....	30	4
Orquieta.....	do.....	5	3
Loculan.....	do.....	30	18
Total.....		169	103

Cholera in Cebu—Probable conveyance of infection by bancas.

Assistant Surgeon Stansfield reports, February 12, as follows: I have the honor to report cholera present in Cebu. One case was discovered in town on February 9. The patient is a resident of the town, and the source of infection not ascertainable. A case was found on a banca on the morning of the 10th. Two more cases developed on the same banca later in the day. This banca came from Palompon, Leyte, but had been in port six days before any sickness appeared. No cholera has been reported in Palompon. Cholera was reported in Talisay, a small town 3 miles from Cebu, on February 9. The disease had been present for ten days, but not reported to the president of the board of health before. Their infection came from the island of Bohol, the presidente stating that 6 cases had come in this way. These cases were not quarantined on arrival at Talisay. In this connection I wish to state that I think bancas frequently slip into these small towns along the coast to avoid quarantine, and that there is no possible way to prevent this.

The CHIEF QUARANTINE OFFICER FOR THE PHILIPPINES.